

SRI VEERASHETTY KUSNOOR.—I am a part and parcel of the Government. Now the question is this. It has been stated that this is an anti-Constitutional Bill. They said that it is against the Constitution. In other States, such kinds of laws have been passed. It is not only in this State that this kind of law is going to be passed. In the recent past, in other States also, such kind of laws have been passed and I don't think the Supreme Court has invalidated such kind of laws. My submission to the House is that it is not against the Constitution and it comes within the Constitution. Here, only three aspects have been discussed in this Bill. (1) About the Essential Services, *i.e.*, What are the essential Services (2) Refusal to work and (3) Penalty. These are the only three things which have been suggested in this Bill. They have clearly defined what are the Essential Services in Clause 2. The first Essential Service is Water Supply and Electricity the second is Transport service and that too goods services and the passengers and thirdly they have said that whenever the Government feels it necessary to declare a service as essential, it can declare. So, the power to declare a service as an essential service has also been given to the Government. My submission is that the Government is not going to use these powers unnecessarily. They will use these powers after taking into consideration all aspects. My submission is, this apprehension in the minds of the hon. Members and others is not well-founded apprehension. I am also sorry to say that they are giving threats to the Government. They are telling—We will see that this kind of legislation is not accepted in the House *i.e.*, is not passed in the House and also see that it is not implemented. They are giving such kind of threats. No Government will tolerate and also the Treasury Bench will not tolerate such kinds of threats.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—A warning is given by Sri Kushnoor.

SRI V. M. KUSHNOOR.—All the Members who have spoken from that side have given threats. Therefore, I said like that. With these words, I support the Bill and thank the Chair and conclude.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN.—The Business Advisory Committee at a meeting held to-day have recommended that all stages of the Karnataka Essential Services Maintenance Bill, 1979, should be completed to-day. They have also recommended that the House may sit tomorrow also to complete the business listed out for to-day's afternoon sitting and then adjourn. Now Sri K. H. Srinivas to speak.